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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM EUR/NE CROWLEY

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SUBJECT: 175 YEARS OF US-DANISH RELATIONS

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1. DANISH EMBASSY POLITICAL COUNSELOR KIMBERG INFORMED DEPT ON SEPTEMBER 17 THAT DANISH EMBASSY HAS NO RPT NO PLANS FOR CELEBRATION OF 175TH ANNIVERSARY OF ESTABLISHMENT OF US-DANISH RELATIONS. KIMBERG SAID AMBASSADOR BORCH HAD DISCUSSED IDEA WITH MFA WHILE IN COPENHAGEN, BUT CONCLUSION WAS THAT SUCH AN EFFORT FOLLOWING QUEEN'S VISIT WOULD BE DISTINCTLY ANTI-CLIMACTIC.

2. EMBASSY IS CORRECT IN STATING THAT RELATIONS WERE ESTABLISHED OCTOBER 12, 1801. INCIDENTALLY, WHILE NOT RPT NOT DISPUTING DANISH ASSERTION THAT US HAS HAD UNBROKEN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH DENMARK LONGER THAN WITH ANY OTHER COUNTRY, DEPARTMENT'S HISTORICAL OFFICE HAS ALSO DECLINED

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TO ENDORSE THAT CLAIM. THE HISTORICAL RECORD APPARENTLY IS

NOT RPT NOT ENTIRELY SUSCEPTIBLE TO SO CLEAR-CUT A
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